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HIGHLIGHTS

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- Iraqi Government Charges More than 300 Officials with Corruption in 2008: (**ECONOMIC, page 12**).
- FM Zebari Meets Italian FM Frattini: (**DIPLOMATIC, page 25**).



POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

Iraqi Parliament Delays Vote on Security Agreement:

- The Council of Representatives (CoR) has delayed a vote on a bilateral Security Agreement (SA) between the United States and Iraq until November 27. Intensive negotiations have been underway in an effort to reach broad national consensus, which Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani has insisted upon in order for the agreement to have his approval. Sunni parties have called for concessions, such as reforms to De-Ba'athification laws and a national referendum on the agreement to be held in 2009. The Iraqi cabinet has already approved the agreement. Although the CoR was originally scheduled to recess on November 24 for the the Eid al-Adha holiday and the Hajj pilgrimage, it will convene again on November 27 for a vote.

Immunity of CoR Member al-Alusi Restored:

- On November 24 Iraq's Federal High Court ruled that Sunni Parliamentarian Mithal al-Alusi should have his legislative immunity restored. In September, the Council of Representatives sparked significant controversy when it voted to strip al-Alusi of his immunity after he visited Israel. The CoR contended that such travel is prohibited by a Saddam Hussein-era law that labels Israel, Iran, and the U.S. enemies of the state. The Court's unanimous judgment emphasized that the Iraqi Constitution establishes a fundamental right to travel and directed that al-Alusi have his immunity restored.



POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

UN Appeal for Humanitarian Assistance Includes \$547 million for Iraq:

- On November 19, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon issued the United Nations' annual Consolidated Appeal calling on donor nations to contribute \$7 billion for humanitarian aid despite the current global financial crisis. While the largest sums are requested for Sudan, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo, the UN seeks \$547 million for Iraq and its neighbors. The funds will be used for medicine, shelter and other basic necessities.



POLITICAL – Government of Iraq

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Coalition Affiliation (at time of appointment)

United Iraq Alliance

Kurdistani Alliance

Iraqi Accord Front

Iraqi National List

Other / Independent

(F) = Female

***Formerly Iraqiya

Prime Minister

Nuri Kamil al-Maliki

President

Jalal Talabani

Deputy President

Tariq al-Hashimi

Deputy President

Adil Abd al-Mahdi

Deputy Prime Minister

Rafi Hiad Jiad al-Issawi

Deputy Prime Minister

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Ali Husayn Kadhum al-Bahadili

Minister of Communications

Faruq Abd al-Qadir Abd al-Rahman

Minister of Culture

Mahir Dilli Ibrahim al-Hadithi

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Minister of Education

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Eng. Wijdan Mikhail Salim (F)

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Fawzi Fransu Hariri

Minister of Interior

Jawad Kadhum Eidan al-Bulani

Minister of Justice

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Bayan Dizayee (F)

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Minister of Trade

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Minister of State for Women's Affairs

Dr. Nawal Majid Hamid (F)

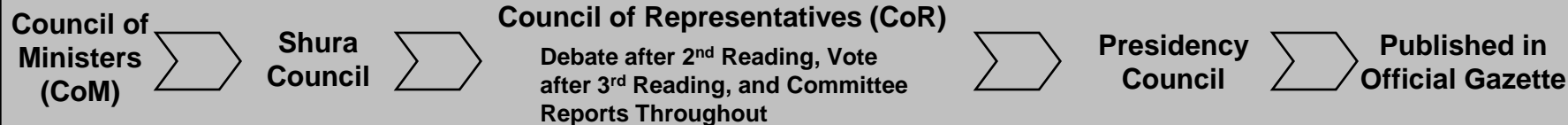
Minister of State for CoR Affairs

Safa al-Din Muhammad al-Safi



POLITICAL – Key Legislation and Refugee Update

Legislative Process



Provincial Elections	PASSED: passed by the CoR on September 24; signed by the Presidency Council on October 7. The law includes an article entering it into force immediately upon signing, not waiting for publication in the Official Gazette. On November 3, the CoR passed an amendment guaranteeing minority representation on certain provincial councils. The Presidency Council approved the amendment on November 8.
Hydrocarbons Package	The Framework Law was resubmitted to the Oil and Gas Committee on October 26 and then returned to the Council of Ministers. There has been no progress on the other three laws.
Amnesty Law	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was signed by the Presidency Council February 26 and came into effect March 2.
Pensions Amendment	PASSED: Published in the Official Gazette December 2007.
De-Ba'athification	PASSED: Approved by default by the Presidency Council February 2008. Reform Published in the Official Gazette in mid-February.
Provincial Powers	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was vetoed by the Presidency Council February 26. The veto was rescinded on March 19. The provisions within the law will enter into force once Provincial Elections are held.

Refugee Update

- Refugees in the region: 2-2.4 million
- Internally displaced persons in Iraq: 2.7 million
- The U.S. admitted 13,823 Iraqi refugees in FY08 (which ended September 30).
- The U.S. seeks to admit a minimum of 17,000 Iraqi refugees in FY09.



SECURITY - Situation Update

Coalition Forces Kill Terrorist Suspected in Abduction and Killing of U.S. Soldier:

- In Baghdad on November 11, Coalition forces killed Hajji Hammadi, an AQI leader suspected in the abduction and killing of Army Staff Sergeant Matthew Maupin in 2004. Hammadi led a group of insurgents during the second battle of Fallujah in 2004 and has been linked to several assassinations of Sons of Iraq leaders. Hammadi was also the mastermind of the June 26, 2008 attack in Anbar province that killed 20 Iraqi citizens, including the mayor of Karmah and several sheiks as well as three U.S. Marines.

Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces Degrade Iraqi Terrorist Networks:

- Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) further dismantled the Iraqi-based terrorist organizations al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) and Kataib Hezbollah, capturing dozens of operatives throughout Iraq. During operations November 22 through 23, Coalition Forces (CF) and ISF detained over 42 suspects including regional and senior terrorist leaders, operational planners and facilitators, and individuals suspected of assassinations, improvised-explosive device (IED) attacks, and suicide car bomb operations. Soldiers also discovered numerous weapons caches in Baghdad and Mosul that contained various weapon types, ammunition, and other military equipment. In the last 60 days, Coalition and ISF have detained over 130 key members of the AQI network including individuals with links outside of Iraq.



SECURITY - Situation Update

Recent Bomb Attacks Kill and Wound Iraqi Civilians and ISF in Baghdad:

- Fourteen Iraqi civilians were killed and four were injured the morning of November 24 when a bomb exploded on a mini-bus in the Karadah district of eastern Baghdad. The same morning, a female suicide bomber detonated her suicide vest near a checkpoint outside of the International Zone, killing an Iraqi Army soldier and wounding an Iraqi policeman and eight civilians. The attack occurred after the woman failed to comply with instructions to move away from the checkpoint, and as ISF personnel attempted to move her across the street, preventing additional casualties.



SECURITY - Security Transition

Basrah Provincial Operations Center Officially Opens:

- Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) hosted a press conference November 22, marking the official opening of the Basrah Provincial Operations Center (PJOC) and demonstrating the ISF's improved command and control capabilities. The PJOC was built in the Basrah Shat Al Arab hotel, a former vacation destination spot that was redesigned to facilitate greater coordination between the ISF and other civil authorities. The PJOC combines traditional "map-board" work with current technology. "With the efforts of the Iraqi Army, the Iraqi Security Forces and cooperation of our friends in the Multi-National forces, today we deliver this Joint Operations Center in which there is contemporary technology similar to other strong armies across the world," said Iraqi Major General Mohammed Jowad Hameidi, Basrah, operations command commander. Iraqi personnel from all branches of the ISF will man the PJOC, providing an informational link to subordinate headquarters throughout the province.

Ministry of Defense Conducts Second Course for Women in Intelligence Services:

- 26 Iraqi women graduated from the Intelligence and Security Basic Training Course in Baghdad November 20. The course was the second such course offered to women, the first of which graduated in September. The women are assigned to the Directorate General for Intelligence and Security in the Ministry of Defense and received training in intelligence and security processes, analysis, and collection techniques.



SECURITY - Iraqi Security Forces

Iraqi Security Forces as of Sept. 30, 2008 ^a			
Component	Current Authorized Personnel	Assigned Personnel	Total Trained Personnel to date
Ministry of Interior (MoI) Forces ^e			
Iraqi Police Service ^f	327,380	305,713	204,404
National Police ^g	46,707	41,305	52,382
Border Enforcement	47,750	39,294	35,886
Total MoI	421,837	386,312	292,672
Ministry of Defense (MoD) Forces ^h			
Army	171,225	186,957	235,606
Support Forces	15,583	20,066	21,144
Air Force	3,603	1,988	2,799
Navy	3,543	1,898	1,494
Total MoD	193,954	210,909	261,043
Counter Terrorism Bureau			
Special Operations ⁱ	4,733	4,159	4,564
Total Iraqi Security Forces	620,524	601,380	558,279

**The decrease in authorized MoD forces from the April 30 Weekly Status Report with ISF data as of March 31 reflects a change in a temporary GOI policy to increase front line units to 120% of authorized end strength to maintain present-for-duty totals at 100% while soldiers took leave. This change will make ISF reporting consistent with standard military personnel accounting practices in other countries and provide a clearer representation of ISF manning levels.

- a. Numbers do not include ministry staffs.
- b. Numbers reflect Government of Iraq (GOI) authorizations.
- c. Numbers are based upon GOI payroll data and do not reflect present for duty totals.
- d. Numbers reflect total Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) personnel trained to date, some of which are no longer assigned due to casualties, AWOL, and normal separation.
- e. MoI strength excludes other services within Ministry Of Interior (MOI), including the MOI HQ, MOI Forensics, Facility Protection Services, and contracted guards.
- f. The Iraqi Police Service consists of all provincial police forces (station, patrol, traffic, and special units) assigned to all 18 Iraqi provinces.
- g. Includes the national Emergency Response Unit.
- h. The Ministry Of Defense (MOD) authorized numbers are derived from Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment (MTOEs).
- i. The MoD Army Training and Support Forces include logistics units and training center cadre.
- j. Does not include personnel assigned to Counterterrorism Bureau (CTB) or Counterterrorism Command (CTC) headquarters.



ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update

Iraqi Government Charges More than 300 Officials with Corruption in 2008:

- The Government of Iraq charged more than 300 low level officials with corruption this year and successfully convicted 86. Iraq is ranked as the world's third most corrupt country on the Transparency International index, which rates 180 countries. The 86 corruption convictions mostly involved the sale of fake passports to Iraqis leaving the country. Fighting corruption in Iraq is an important objective as the country aims to open up to foreign investment.



ECONOMIC – Oil

Crude Oil Update:

Price averages in world markets closed with the following prices:

Basrah Light at \$49.30/barrel

Dated Brent at \$53.71/barrel

WTI Cushing at \$58.64/barrel

Oman/Dubai at \$52.13/barrel

Revenue estimates:

2006: \$31.3 Billion

2007: \$41.0 Billion

2008: \$58.6 Billion (ytd)

Minister of Oil and Kurdish Prime Minister Meet in Erbil:

- Iraqi Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani met with senior Kurdish officials November 24 to discuss issues related to oil. Both sides have tentatively agreed to jointly operate the Khurmala Dome, which is part of the Kirkuk field and was the location of a daylong standoff this summer when Kurdish security forces prevented a team from the Ministry of Oil from working on the field. Differences remain, however, and will require further talks. The KRG has signed nearly 20 production-sharing agreements and in August 2007 drafted its own oil and gas law. The Government of Iraq considers the contracts invalid and has blacklisted companies which have signed agreements with the KRG. The KRG and GOI have not yet been able to agree on a national oil law. Kurdish Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani offered no comment after the two-hour meeting, although Shahristani said more talks were needed between the two entities.



ECONOMIC – Oil

Royal Dutch Shell and TPAO Sign Consortium Deal:

- The two companies signed a preliminary consortium agreement for Iraq's first bid round. TPAO is interested in the two gas fields in the tender. Royal Dutch Shell, which was contracted to do a Master Gas Plan, also signed a preliminary agreement with the Ministry of Oil to capture currently flared gas in the Basrah governorate. Both companies are interested in exporting Iraqi gas to Europe.

Oil Exports Increase in October:

- The Ministry of Oil said oil exports increased in October by 3.5 million barrels to 52.8 million barrels. Revenues for the month were \$3.11 billion, a decrease of \$1.1 billion due to the decline in oil prices. 42.9 million barrels were exported through the Persian Gulf and 9.9 million barrels through the Turkish port of Ceyhan.

Iraq Approves \$144 Million Contract for Steel Pipes:

- Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh announced the Government of Iraq has approved a \$144 million contract with Argentine company Tenaris Oil Field Services on November 25. Tenaris is the world's largest producer of seamless steel pipes, which are used in the energy industry. Over a period of eight to 15 months, Tenaris will procure casing and production pipes, which will be used in drilling 100 new oil wells.



ECONOMIC – Essential Services

800 Doctors Return to Iraq:

- 800 doctors have recently returned to Iraq as the security situation there has shown signs of improvement. Escalating violence after 2003 forced many doctors out of the country, as they were frequent targets of kidnapping and extortion. The General Director of Public Health at the Health Ministry, Ihsan Jaafar, noted that many of the doctors, even those who fled to Western countries like the UK, are returning to Iraq.

Iraq-U.S. Physician Partnership Program:

- The first Iraq-U.S. Physician Partnership Program, sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), concluded on November 21 in Washington, DC. Twenty seven Iraqi physicians participated in three week observerships at one of five clinical host sites - Children's National Medical Center, Health Resources and Services Administration, Henry Ford Health Systems, Indian Health Services, and Johns Hopkins. The purpose of this program was to expose Iraqi physicians to advances in evidence-based medicine and quality systems of care so they can apply and share this knowledge in their clinical practice settings, while enhancing the intercultural awareness and competency of the American healthcare providers who served as their hosts. All teams noted in their concluding presentations how impressed they were with the doctor-patient and doctor-staff relationships, particularly with the latter, and with the knowledge and competence of American nurses. All program costs were paid for by the Iraqi Ministry of Health.



ECONOMIC – Essential Services

Zain Iraq Partners with Riverbed Technology to Increase Capacity:

- Zain Iraq, the Iraqi branch of the Kuwaiti telecommunications company Zain Group, purchased and deployed appliances from the wide-area data services company Riverbed Technology. Through the instillation of its appliances at 75 locations, Zain Iraq has been able to increase the capacity of its network three to four times. Riverbed's appliances have not only improved Zain Iraq's services, but have also resulted in significant cost savings for the company. According to Riad Mounir, IT Director at Zain Iraq, the company will save on average \$144,000 per month, and see a return on its investment within seven months. Zain Iraq was formed in January 2008 following the purchase of Iraqna by the Zain Group and the subsequent merger with MTC Atheer.



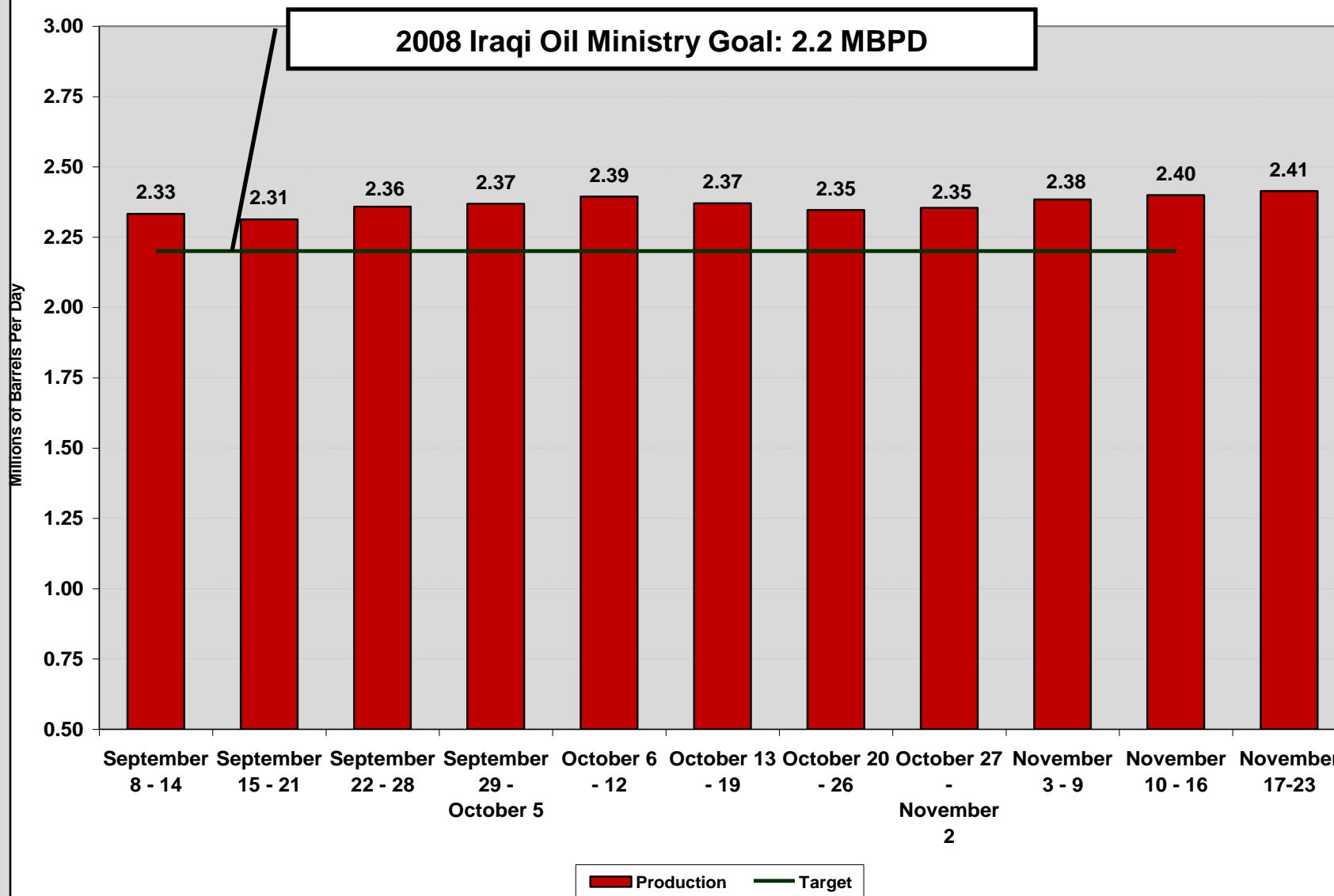
ECONOMIC – Essential Services

World Food Program Report on Food Insecurity and Vulnerability in Iraq:

- The World Food Program (WFP) announced its Comprehensive Food Security and Analysis (CFSVA) report on Iraq at an event held in Baghdad on November 12. According to the report, 930,000 Iraqis, about 3% of the population, are food insecure (do not have access to sufficient, safe food to meet normal dietary needs) and 2.8 million Iraqis, about 10% of the population, would be at risk of becoming food insecure without Iraq's food aid program, the Public Distribution System (PDS). The combined 3.73 million Iraqis who are food insecure or would be at risk of becoming food insecure without the PDS are down 70% from the 12.3 million Iraqis, or about 44% of the population, who were in the same condition in 2005. WFP attributes the improvement in food security to several factors, including an overall improvement in security, macroeconomic indicators, and humanitarian efforts. While this improvement is encouraging, PDS efficiency problems persist, most notably in the PDS distribution to the most vulnerable segments of the population, such as Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). IDPs are often unable to register in their places of displacement and thus do not qualify for the PDS. The report states that at least 25% of IDPs are food insecure, demonstrating the need to target food aid to the most vulnerable Iraqis and highlighting the key role the PDS currently plays in Iraq.

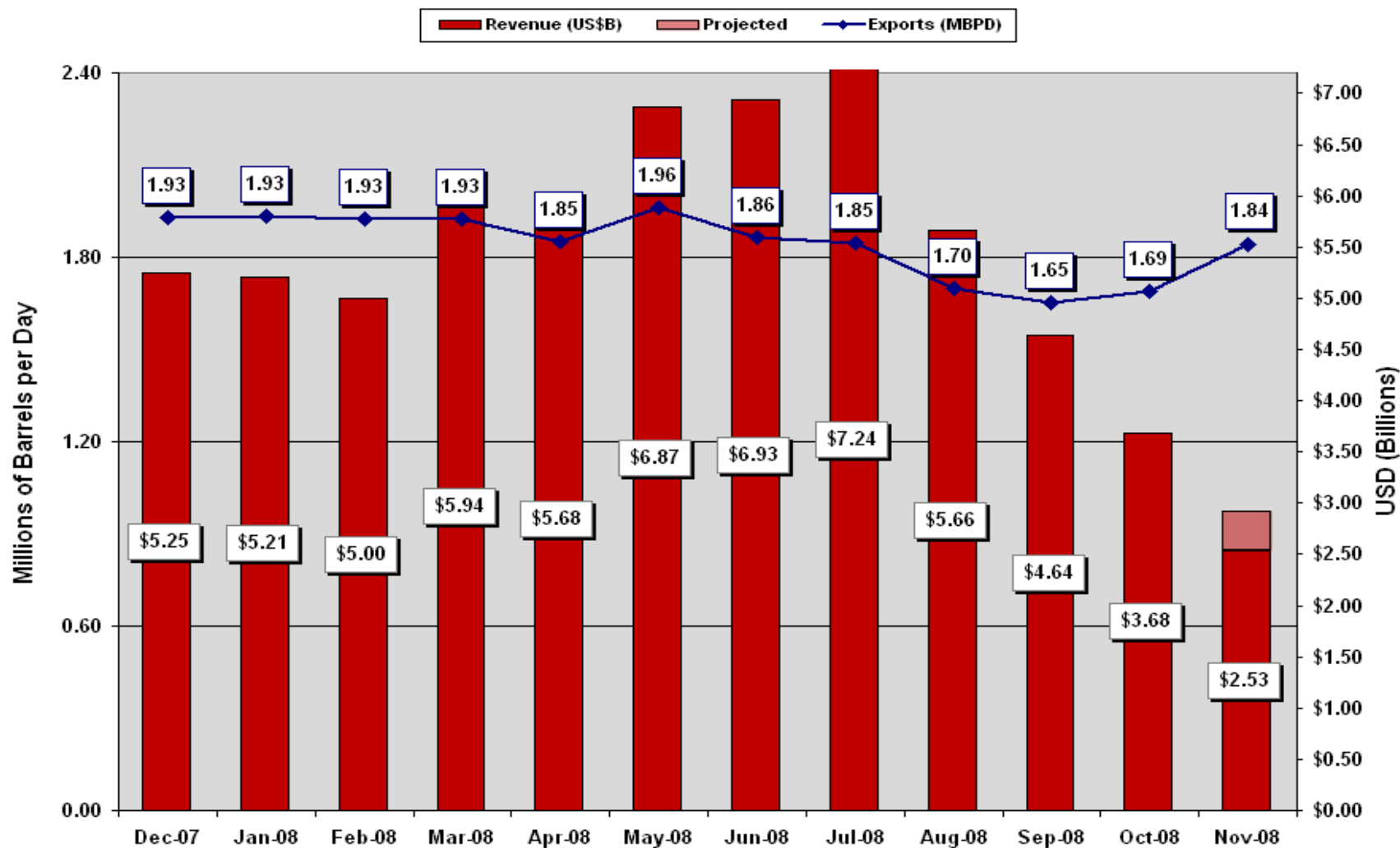


ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Production





ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Export



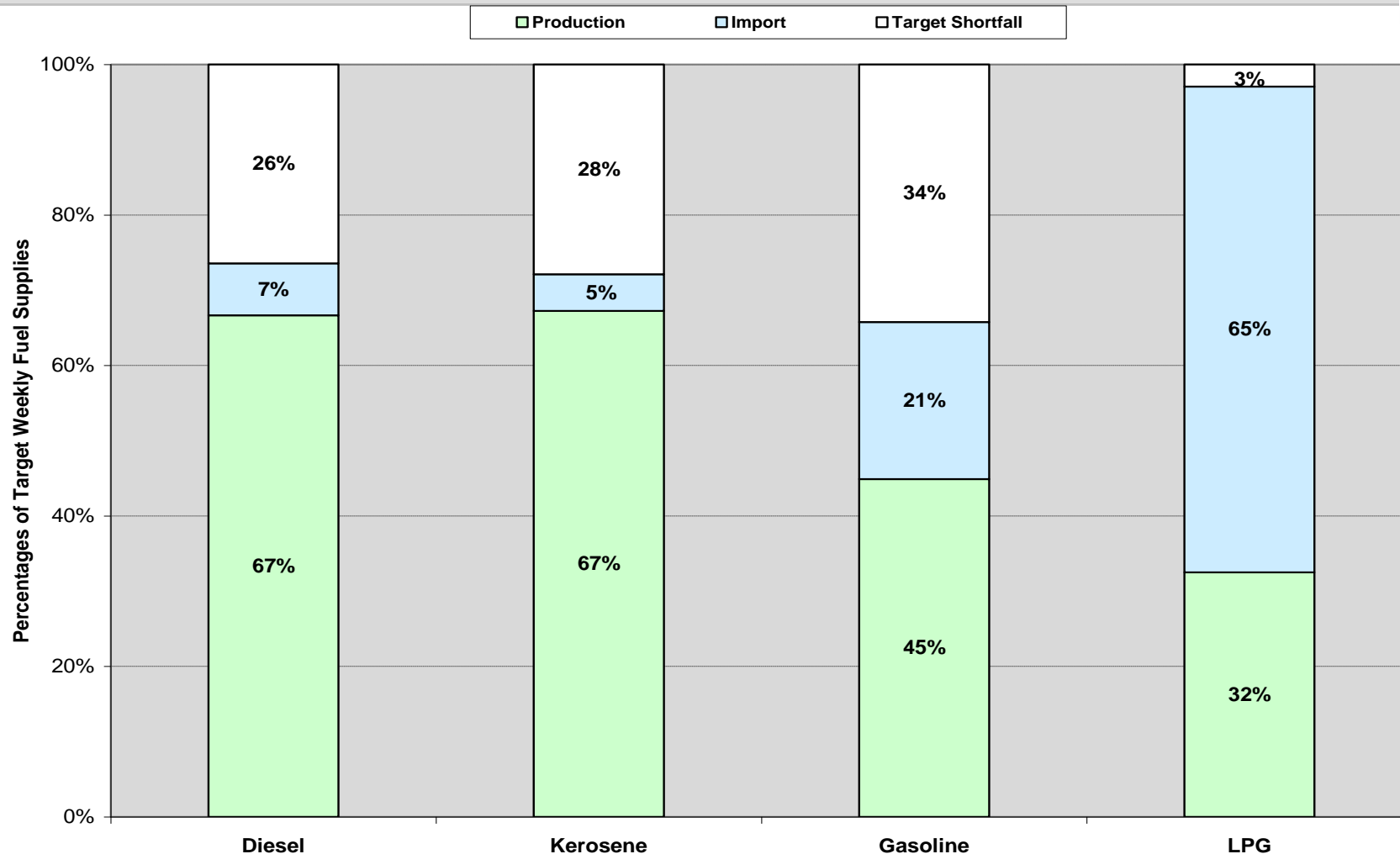
• 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion

2008 Revenue Estimate: \$58.6 Billion (ytd)

• 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$41.0 Billion



ECONOMIC – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies



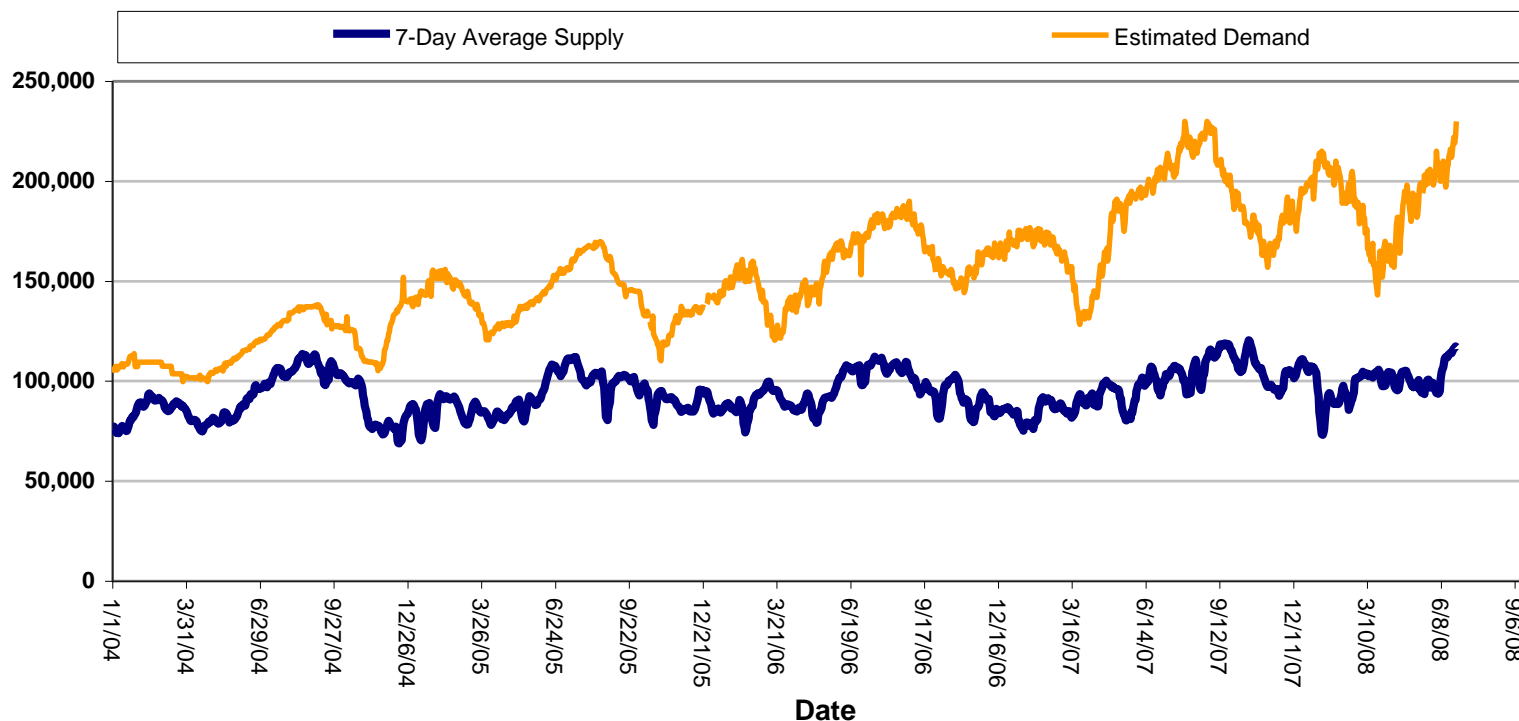
Note: This is a daily average for November 17-22

- Diesel: 17.5 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 11.0 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 14.9 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 4,850 tons supply of 5,100 tons target



ECONOMIC – Electricity

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004

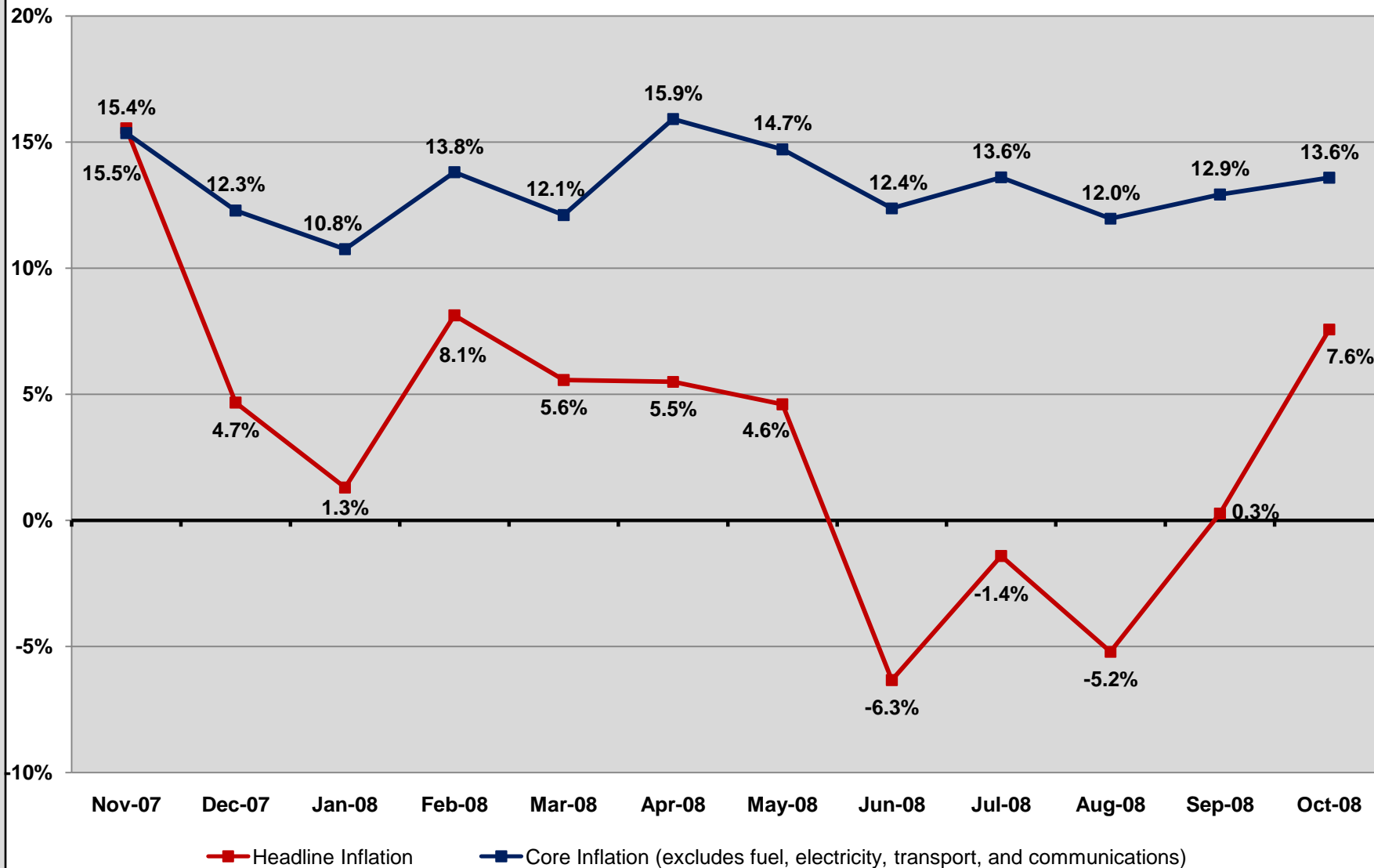


- Daily electricity demand November 18-24 was 2% below the same period last year. Daily supply from the grid was 29% above the year-earlier period and met 73% of demand, compared with 55% for the year-earlier period.
- Updated hours-of-power are not available for the most recent week.



ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Year-on-Year Inflation





ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Economic Indicator	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales				
Price (USD)	\$48.16	\$50.28	\$70.24	\$62.82
Yield	13.36%	12.83%	9.11%	10.16%
Central Bank's USD Currency Auction				
USD Sold	***	***	\$87,039	\$66,957,492
NID Exchange Rate	***	***	\$1,180	\$1,254
Total Employed by USG Programs				
	118,691	118,691	122,788	N/A



ECONOMIC - Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and 2

Sector\Status (Millions of USD)			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Allocated	Un-allocated	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law	\$4,960	\$17	\$4,937	\$4,937	\$0	\$4,937	\$4,937	\$0	\$4,871	\$4,871	\$0
Justice and Civil Society	\$2,299	\$20	\$2,263	\$2,263	\$0	\$2,262	\$2,262	\$0	\$2,181	\$2,182	\$1
Electricity Sector	\$4,178	\$36	\$4,066	\$4,064	-\$2	\$4,065	\$4,063	-\$3	\$3,940	\$3,952	\$12
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,717	\$7	\$1,608	\$1,608	\$0	\$1,608	\$1,608	\$0	\$1,581	\$1,582	\$1
Water and Sanitation	\$2,054	\$21	\$1,983	\$1,983	\$0	\$1,980	\$1,979	-\$1	\$1,849	\$1,859	\$9
Transportation and Comm\	\$462	\$2	\$459	\$458	-\$1	\$459	\$458	-\$1	\$421	\$423	\$1
Roads, Bridges and Const\	\$320	\$8	\$282	\$282	\$0	\$282	\$282	\$0	\$258	\$258	\$0
Health Care	\$810	\$9	\$793	\$793	\$0	\$793	\$793	\$0	\$744	\$745	\$1
Private Sector Development	\$838	\$1	\$820	\$820	\$0	\$820	\$820	\$0	\$814	\$814	\$0
Edu\, Refugees, Human Rights	\$470	\$0	\$436	\$436	\$0	\$435	\$435	\$0	\$409	\$409	\$0
Admin Expense (USAID, DoS)	\$220	\$0	\$218	\$218	\$0	\$218	\$218	\$0	\$208	\$208	\$0
Rescission	\$0	-\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total IRRF II	\$18,328	\$71	\$17,864	\$17,862	-\$3	\$17,859	\$17,855	-\$4	\$17,278	\$17,303	\$25
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,972	\$7,970	-\$2	\$7,970	\$7,968	-\$2	\$7,773	\$7,779	\$6
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,373	\$9,372	-\$1	\$9,369	\$9,367	-\$2	\$8,988	\$9,007	\$19
IRRF II Overhead	-	-	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$517	\$517	\$0
Total IRRF I	\$2,475	\$0	\$2,291	\$2,291	\$0	\$2,232	\$2,232	\$0	\$2,139	\$2,139	\$0
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,803	\$71	\$20,155	\$20,153	-\$3	\$20,092	\$20,087	-\$4	\$19,417	\$19,442	\$25

Data as of 12 November, 2008

Apportion amounts reflect those of the latest Executive Office of the President Report, published by the Office of Management and Budget. Committed, obligated and disbursed amounts reflect last numbers reported by each agency.



DIPLOMATIC – Political Engagement

FM Zebari Meets Italian FM Frattini:

- Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari discussed bilateral relations with his Italian counterpart Franco Frattini in Baghdad on November 20. During a joint press conference at the Iraqi Foreign Ministry, the ministers discussed ways of strengthening trade and technological cooperation, as well as the potential for future Italian investment in Iraq. Both Ministers condemned terrorism in all its forms, in particular recent attacks on Christians. Frattini also expressed his government's desire to help the Iraqi government preserve Iraq's antiquities.

Jordan Hosts Conference on Iraqi Refugees:

- Dr. Mohammed al-Hajj Himoud, Iraq's Undersecretary for Legal Affairs and Multilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, represented the GOI at the latest neighbors' conference on refugees and internally displaced persons held in Amman on November 20. The Jordanian government co-chaired the event, which representatives of neighboring countries, the United Nations, the Arab League, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and some member states of the UN Security Council attended. Countries hosting Iraqi refugees discussed the improvements in aiding the Iraqi population within their borders, but requested additional aid.



DIPLOMATIC – Political Engagement

Border Security Working Group Meets in Damascus:

- At the latest meeting of the neighbors' Border Security Working Group in Damascus on November 23, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Maura Connelly expressed U.S. support for efforts to help Iraq secure its borders and criticized the Syrian government for allowing terrorist networks to use its territory as a base for attacks in Iraq. Western countries, Russia and most of Iraq's neighbors attended the meeting, but Saudi Arabia was a notable absentee. A joint statement issued after the meeting noted that all attendees opposed any offensive action launched from Iraq against its neighbors or vice versa.



DIPLOMATIC – Coalition Contributors

19 Countries with forces in Iraq (including US)

Albania	Czech Republic	Korea	Romania
Australia	Denmark	Lithuania	Tonga
Azerbaijan	El Salvador	Macedonia	Ukraine
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Estonia	Moldova	United Kingdom
Bulgaria	Japan		

TOTAL ~ 6,350 Forces

25 Countries and NATO* (including the US) **Support Iraqi Stability Operations**

25 includes the US, the 18 countries listed above, and six non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey

Note: Fiji and New Zealand, participating as a part of the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), are not included.



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